

(c) if so, what are the rates at which they have been rented or hired?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar (*Secretary to Government*):

(a) To the South Indian Railway Company.

(b) Yes.

(c) The Company is paid 8 per cent of the gross receipts of the State Railway towards hire charges.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar (*Nellayi*): During the last budget session, I remember that the Diwan-President made some remarks about the arrangement of having our own engines, since we have to pay enormous sums of money as rent.

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar (*Secretary to Government*): The matter is under the consideration of Government.

Mr. President: The present agreement is to go on till the end of October 1939. Till that date, we can't make any deviation from the existing practice.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni (*Trichur-South*): May I know what will be the amount at 8 per cent of the gross-profits?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar (*Secretary to Government*): Rs. 1,33,000. Of-course there might be slight variations.

CLERKS—REGISTRATION DEPARTMENT—REVISION OF PAY.

129. Mr. P. Govinda Menon (*Mulakunnathukavu*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether orders have been passed on the resolution passed by this House in Vrischigam 1111, regarding the revision of the pay of the clerks of the Registration Department?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar (*Secretary to Government*): Yes.

Mr. P. Govinda Menon (*Mulakunnathukavu*): May I know when the order was passed? What the order is?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar (*Secretary to Government*): It has been simply recorded. The resolution has not been accepted.

TRAVANCORE REFORMS AGITATION—INSTRUCTIONS TO POLICE.

130. Mr. A. V. Moothedan (*Chalakkudi*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether they have instructed the Police Department to place restrictions on the public in our

State, individually or collectively, so that no demonstrations of meetings may be held showing sympathy for the subjects of Travancore in their legitimate aspirations?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar (*Secretary to Government*): No.

Mr. A. V. Moothedan (*Chalakkudi*): Was one Mr. Abraham who was residing here asked to leave the State at once?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar (*Secretary to Government*): By whom?

Mr. A. V. Moothedan (*Chalakkudi*): By some authorities?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar (*Secretary to Government*): I have no information.

Rao Bahadur M. Narayana Menon (*Commissioner of Police*): On the other hand, I saw him and I allowed him to remain here. (*Laughter*).

Mr. President: Is that the same Abraham or some other Abraham? You have made out that there is only one man like that. Is not the hon'ble member in a position to substantiate his statement. I can't allow to ask any further questions on this when the Police Commissioner gave such an unqualified reply. I ask the hon'ble member that he should be prepared to take the responsibility of his statement on his shoulders when he asked 'whether one gentleman, Mr. Abraham was asked to quit the State?'

Mr. A. V. Moothedan (*Chalakkudi*): My information is that.

Mr. President: So the question is fully answered.

Mr. A. V. Moothedan (*Chalakkudi*): With regard to the same gentleman I want to ask one more question. Was he prohibited from attending the Kathakalakshepam called 'Magdalana-mariyam' sought to be conducted in one of the Colleges?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar (*Secretary to Government*): We have no information.

Mr. A. V. Moothedan (*Chalakkudi*): In fact the books were sold and I even purchased a ticket.

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar (*Secretary to Government*): The Government never stopped it.

Mr. A. V. Moothedan (*Chalakkudi*): It is a kathakalakshepam by Vallathol.

Rao Bahadur M. Narayana Menon (*Commissioner of Police*): I told him I will also attend the kalakshepam (*Laughter*).

മിസ്റ്റർ ഷ. എസ്. പണിക്കർ: സർ, ഇങ്ങനെ ടിക്കറ്റുവെച്ച് കാലക്ഷേപമോ മറ്റോ നടത്തണമെന്നുണ്ടെങ്കിൽ അതിലേക്ക് "ഗവണ്മെൻ്റ് സാങ്ഷൻ" വാങ്ങണമെന്നു ഓളുണ്ടോ?

റാവുസാഹിബ് എ. എൻ. മേനോൻ: മഹാരാജാസ് കോളേജിൽവെച്ചുണ്ടെങ്കിൽ സാങ്ഷൻമാത്രമേപോരാ, നാം ഉദ്യോഗിക വാടകകൂടി കൊടുക്കണം.

THE COCHIN CO-OPERATIVE LAND MORTGAGE BANK, LTD.

131. Mr. C. V. Iyyu (*Kunnamkulam*): Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether there was any instance of temporary misappropriation in the Land Mortgage Bank Office with regard to amounts received per money order by any of the Office Staff of the Bank, from loan recipients as advance payments;

(b) whether any of the Office Staff was in the habit of receiving money orders in the absence of the Bank Secretary from Office;

(c) whether there was any written complaint from a loan recipient from Nemmara with regard to the money received by money order by the officer who used to receive money orders in the absence of the Secretary from Office and not accounted for in the Bank accounts in time;

(d) if the answer to (c) is in the affirmative, whether any explanation has been called for from the officer concerned as to the facts set forth in the said complaint and with what results;

(e) will the Government be pleased to place all the papers connected with the above matter on the table of the House?

Mr. P. J. George (*Joint Secretary to Government*):

(a) There was a complaint from Mrs. V. K. Nayar, Nemmara.

(b) Yes.

(c) Yes. Vide (a).

(d) Yes. The explanation was found very unsatisfactory and the Head clerk was ordered not to receive money orders thereafter.